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By: **Delegate Sossi**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Limited Winery Licenses - Wine Sales on Guided**
3 **Tours**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of wine that a holder of a Class 4
5 limited winery license may sell to a participant in a guided tour of the winery;
6 altering the permitted frequency for purchasing certain wine; and generally
7 relating to wine sales on guided tours by holders of limited winery licenses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 2-205(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 2-205.

17 (a) A Class 4 manufacturer's license:

18 (1) Is a limited winery license;

19 (2) Authorizes the holder to establish and operate in this State a plant
20 for fermenting and bottling wine made from Maryland agriculture products at the
21 location described in the license, unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that
22 there is insufficient supply available of Maryland agriculture products; and

23 (3) Permits the license holder to:

24 (i) Sell and deliver this wine to any licensee or permit holder in
25 this State, or person outside of this State, authorized to acquire it;

1 (ii) Sell this wine made at the plant to persons participating in a
2 guided tour of the facility. The purchase is limited to [one quart] 6 LITERS of each
3 brand per person per [year] MONTH. Any person who has attained the Maryland
4 legal drinking age may purchase the wine. The licensee may operate only in one
5 location in the State;

6 (iii) Serve at no charge not more than 6 ounces of wines made at the
7 licensed facility to a person who is participating in a guided tour of the facility,
8 provided the person has attained the Maryland legal drinking age;

9 (iv) Sell by the glass wine produced by the licensee to persons
10 participating in a guided tour of the facility or attending a scheduled promotional
11 event or other organized activity at the licensed premises; and

12 (v) Store on its licensed premises, in a segregated area approved by
13 the Comptroller, the product of other Class 4 limited wineries to be used at bona fide
14 Maryland Winery Association promotional activities, provided records are maintained
15 and reports filed as may be required by the Comptroller.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
17 effect June 1, 2004.